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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Sharon Johnson)
Serial No.: 09/881,462)
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For: A STUDENT WORK STATION) Examiner Jose V. Chen

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Chen for the courtesy of a telephone conference on December 18, 2003, which helped to clarify the basis for the section 103 rejection. In response to the Office Action of August 21, 2003, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A student work station comprising [an elevated desk with] a work surface for student work, a storage surface disposed at a spaced distance beneath the work surface, and a safety means for visually accessing student articles disposed on the storage surface,
said safety means comprising a transparent peripheral wall [,
said peripheral wall being] disposed between the work surface and the storage surface
[and being transparent so that anything stored on the storage surface is visible through the peripheral